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*Paradise Towers, Earth. Chief Caretaker – Richard Briers*  
**BBC1, 7.35pm Doctor Who**

# 7.35 Doctor Who

starring Sylvester McCoy  
with Bonnie Langford  
in *Paradise Towers*

The first of a four-part  
adventure by STEPHEN WYATT  
Paradise Towers won a lot of  
awards back in the 21st  
Century. It might even be a  
nice place to live now, if it  
weren't for the Kangs, the  
Caretakers, and the strange  
behaviour of the Mark 7  
Megapodic Cleaners.

Yellow Kang .ASTRA SHERIDAN  
Melanie.....BONNIE LANGFORD  
The Doctor .SYLVESTER MCCOY  
Young Caretaker

JOSEPH YOUNG

Bin Liner ...ANNABEL YURESHA  
Fire Escape .....JULIE BRENNON  
Blue Kang leader

CATHERINE CUSAK

Deputy Chief Caretaker

CLIVE MERRISON

Tilda .....BRENDA BRUCE  
Tabby .....ELIZABETH SPRIGGS  
Pex.....HOWARD COOKE  
Chief Caretaker

RICHARD BRIERS

Theme music composed  
by RON GRAINER

Theme arrangement and incidental  
music KEFF MCCULLOCH

Costume designer JANET THARBY

Script editor ANDREW CARTMEL

Designer MARTIN COLLINS

Producer JOHN NATHAN-TURNER

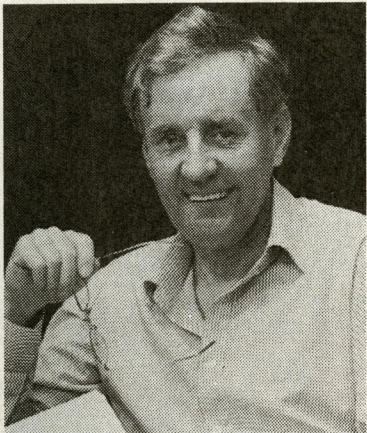
Director NICHOLAS MALLETT

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## Briers's thorny task

Richard Briers is seen and heard this week – as the dastardly Chief Caretaker in **Doctor Who** (below) (Monday BBC1) and as a reluctant dissident in Tom Stoppard's **Largo Desolato** (Tuesday Radio 3). 'Being in *Doctor Who* was a macabre experience,' says Richard. 'I play a fascist dictator – with Hitler moustache – who feeds people to his monster!'

In *Largo Desolato* he's at the opposite end of the political spectrum, playing an inoffensive professor of philosophy – see feature page 13.



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adventure by STEPHEN WYATT  
It's an average day in  
Paradise Towers. The Rezzies  
have had their door kicked  
in, the Kangs are reloading  
their crossbows and the  
Caretakers are dying  
in the corridors.

Chief Caretaker

RICHARD BRIERS

The Doctor...SYLVESTER MCCOY  
Deputy Chief Caretaker

CLIVE MERRISON

Melanie .....BONNIE LANGFORD

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Tilda.....BRENDA BRUCE

Maddy.....JUDY CORNWELL

Incidental music KEFF MCCULLOCH

Make-up designer SHAUNNA HARRISON

Script editor ANDREW CARTMEL

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# New Doctor Who is the real McCoy!

I AM writing to commend the BBC for the new-look *Doctor Who* (Mondays BBC1). The team have finally got the right formula. Special congratulations to the new Doctor, Sylvester McCoy, and also to Bonnie Langford, who is not as OTT as some people seem to think.

I especially like the new opening title sequence and music and the death traps which send the victims to their doom in a bubble . . . a credit to the special effects team. I eagerly await future episodes and I hope Sylvester McCoy stays on for a long, long time.

*Nigel Young*

Southport, Merseyside

## Visually superior

At last, a new series of *Doctor Who* to fire the imagination of potential young scientists and to provide a visually superior alternative to commercial television's therapy for the brain-dead, *Coronation Street* . . .

*(Mr) Jeremy N. Barker*

Redditch, Worcestershire

## Inspired choice

. . . Sylvester McCoy is an inspired choice and this programme must not be allowed to die . . . The new series boasts witty scripts, superb incidental music and is tremendous fun.

*Michael Proctor*

Ware, Hertfordshire

## Completely disarmed

I was going to write to complain about the poor coverage given by your magazine to the return of *Doctor Who* (*Radio Times* 5-11 September). An article relegated to Back Pages which belied the new, more adult time slot . . . But I'm not going to, because I have been completely disarmed by Sylvester McCoy's wonderful performance . . .

Was this just post-regeneration euphoria on my part? No! The real Doctor is back . . . For the first time in six-and-a-half years I can't wait to see the next episode . . .

*S. Lancaster*

Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

## Best yet

Melanie is practising Venusian yoga on the floor of the Tardis, the sixth Doctor has a migraine and can't reach his pain killers in time, the Tardis crashes in a quarry in Frome and the regenerated Doctor falls into the clutches of Alexis Carrington's scheming sister . . .

Marvellous. *Doctor Who* is back with a vengeance and Sylvester McCoy promises to be the best Doctor yet . . .

My only gripe is that the series is up against *Coronation Street* in the ratings battle . . .

*Michael Daly*

London E11

## Senile dementia

As a long-time fan (I remember the dignity of William Hartnell) I find it sad to see the great age of the Doctor beginning to show itself. Senile dementia, second childhood, call it what you will. It started after Jon Pertwee and now, with Sylvester McCoy, it's in its last

stages . . . I wasn't sure whether I was watching *Doctor Who* or *Play School* . . .

*(Mrs) Doreen Edwards*

Swansea, West Glamorgan

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in *Paradise Towers*

The third of a four-part  
adventure by STEPHEN WYATT  
in which the Doctor gets  
his second chance at the  
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death and Mel finds out  
whether or not the  
Musclebrain really  
is a scaredy cat.

Tabby .....ELIZABETH SPRIGGS

Melanie.....BONNIE LANGFORD

Tilda .....BRENDA BRUCE

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Video commentary

SIMON COADY

Incidental music KEFF MCCULLOCH

Visual effects designer

SIMON TAYLER

Script editor ANDREW CARTMEL

Designer MARTIN COLLINS

Producer JOHN NATHAN-TURNER

Director NICHOLAS MALLETT

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The last of a four-part  
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No ball games. No flyposts.  
No escape.

Chief Caretaker

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